



CANDIDATE PAPERWORK 101: Federal Candidates

See the FEC brochures page for more info: <http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/brochures.shtml>

Form 2 – Statement of Candidacy

<http://www.fec.gov/info/forms.shtml#candidates>

- Must be filed within 15 days of raising or spending more than \$5,000 to campaign
- Where to file
 - U.S. House of Representatives candidates: Federal Election Commission
 - U.S. Senate candidates: Secretary of the Senate
- Form must be filed on paper; original signatures needed
- See Candidate Registration Toolkit at <http://www.fec.gov/info/toolkit.shtml#candidate>

Form 1 – Statement of Organization (of candidate's committee)

<http://www.fec.gov/info/forms.shtml#candidates>

- Must be filed within 10 days of filing the Statement of Candidacy (Form 2).
- Where to file
 - U.S. House of Representatives candidates: Federal Election Commission
 - U.S. Senate candidates: Secretary of the Senate
- Form must be filed on paper; original signatures needed

Application for a Place on the Democratic Party General Primary Ballot

- Application period: November 28 – December 19, 2011
 - Must be received by 6 p.m. (not postmarked)
 - **Filing will be re-opened after the courts finalize the maps on a date that is still to be determined and will end February 1.*
- Applications available
 - From state and county parties
 - Online at <http://www.txdemocrats.org/candidateResources/Candidate-filing-form.pdf>
- Petition forms and instructions available online at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/>
- Filing fees: U.S. Senate \$5,000, U.S. House \$3,125
- Where to file
 - State party if office filled by voters of more than one county
 - County party if office filled by voters of only one county

Financial Disclosure Statement

- When to file
 - Within 30 days of becoming a candidate (triggering FEC candidate registration) **OR** by May 15 of the calendar year in which you become a candidate (trigger FEC candidate registration)—whichever is later.
 - **AND** must be filed no later than 30 days before an election in which the candidate is participating.
- Where to file (and get forms and instructions)
 - U.S. House of Representatives candidates: House Committee on Ethics <http://ethics.house.gov/financial-disclosure>
 - U.S. Senate candidates: Senate Select Committee on Ethics <http://www.ethics.senate.gov/>

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